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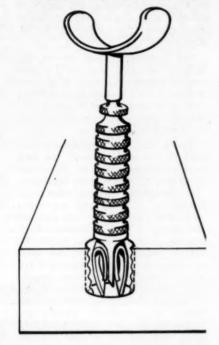
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I noticed that the swivel knife blade became damaged very easily. To avoid this, I designed this holder. I drilled a hole 3/8 inch in diameter and about 3/4 inch deep in a wood block. Then I bent two pieces of leather just big enough so both can fit inside the hole, as shown in the diagram. Insert the knife blade between the pieces of leather. I have mine in the same wooden block with the rest of my carving, modelling and stamping tools.

SOSTENES MARTINEZ, JR. San Antonio, Texas

I made up and memorized the following rhyme to remember the order of the use of tools. It occured to me this would make a good "Tips & Hints" for beginners.

Case, trace, and swivel cut, Cam, shade, and bevel, Vein, seed, and mule foot, Background like the devil. Last the fancy swivel cuts, But do be very cautious, These should be the crowning touch, One slip can make you fuss.

> Dolores Rossi Marion, Ohio

Book Reviews

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